**Neighborhood Association Membership Invitation**

**A neighborhood association is an organization created independently by local residents, with the aim of creating a comfortable living environment for all.**

**Neighborhood associations also cooperate with administrative entities in urban development and information distribution initiatives and, in this capacity, receive various forms of financial support from the city administration.**

**■Activities**

**Neighborhood associations participate in a wide range of local activities, such as:**

**・Distribution of public relations information/pamphlets;**

**・environmental beautification;**

**・resource recycling initiatives;**

**・independent disaster prevention initiatives;**

**・installation and management of fire extinguishers;**

**・traffic safety initiatives;**

**・crime prevention initiatives;**

**・installation and　maintenance of crime prevention lighting;**

**・culture and physical education activities;**

**・Welfare Initiatives;**

**・senior citizens’ events; youth nurturing services;**

**・sporting events; bon-odori dance　events, and more.**

**■A Place of Friendship and Solidarity**

**Neighborhood associations seek to widen involvement and further improve**

**the life style of all residents by　:**

**・Involving everyone in local events, regardless of age;**

**・Promoting beautification initiatives such as volunteer cleaning activities;**

**・Making local information accessible to all through circular notices, etc.**

**■A Place Where Problems are Solved**

**Neighborhood associations use the authority afforded an official association to tackle local issues. They seek to:**

**・Promote cooperation between localities to increase the effectiveness of neighborhood watch initiatives;**

**・In case of disaster, promote cooperation and mutual aid until the arrival of official aid;**

**・Promote disaster awareness through prevention measures and disaster preparedness drills;**

**・Make the voices of residents heard within the wider city administration, through locally initiated countermeasures to local issues.**

**■Take Responsibility as a Resident and Cooperate to:**

**・Help manage neighborhood association fees and funds;**

**・Help keep your local area clean through cleaning duty at local garbage**

**collection areas and parks.**

**★For further information about joining your local neighborhood association, contact the association president (chonaikai-cho), your local group leader or block committee member.**

 **If you are uncertain,　please ask your neighbors for assistance.**

**★Young applicants and those living alone are also strongly encouraged to join!**